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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ [ X ] Response to Restriction Requirement (2 pages).

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 21, 2006, Applicants hereby provisionally elects Group II, Claims 29-33, drawn to a method of inhibiting degradation of a natriuretic peptide, classified in class 424, subclass 9.2.

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